

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAIN CAR FOR KALKA SHIMLA ROUTE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are preparing to procure four more passenger train cars keeping in view the heavy demand of tourists on historical Kalka-Shimla route;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the train car manufacturing companies have now stopped manufacturing of these cars due to which difficulties are being faced in procuring of these cars;
- (d) if so, whether the Railways have considered the alternative mode of procurement of these cars;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Railways are preparing to procure Train Cars (Rail Cars) for Kalka-Shimla route. Sanctions of 5 numbers of train cars have already been obtained. Options for outright procurement from trade or in house manufacturing are being explored.
- (c) The existing train cars (Rail Car) on Kalka-Shimla Section were made by General Motors of USA in 1927. There are no manufacturers of train cars in India. Train Cars are not items of regular production, but are made to order, mostly to the specific needs of each customer.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Normal train services are running in the section.